

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

*IN RECOGNITION of the “National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Augusta Branch on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education”*

*WHEREAS, on May 17, 1954, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) fought and won a historic battle in the struggle for equality in America’s public schools through Brown v. Board of Education; and*

*WHEREAS, although the Brown decision was announced in 1954, it has taken decades of advocacy and collaboration among parents, educators, community advocates, attorneys, researchers, legislators, and members of the faith-based community; and*

*WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 23, 2004, the NAACP Augusta Branch supported by the National Brown v. Board of Education Equity Commission, comprised of more than 50 national organizations, will commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landmark decision at New Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia; and*

*WHEREAS, the commemoration will provide a contextual basis to asses whether the Supreme Court’s efforts in Brown shall be best known by its purpose or progress.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2004, as “NAACP AUGUSTA BRANCH – BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, in observance of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its landmark decision and urge all citizens to recognize this day.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004.*

*Mayor*